

MINUTES
HOUSING ELEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Special Joint Meeting – May 12, 2008
Fresno City Hall, Council Chambers (2nd Floor)
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m., by Gwen Morris, Chair, Housing and Community Development Commission.

Housing Element Advisory Committee Members:

Present:	Jose Luis Barraza Keith Bergthold Carol Casey Betty Higdon Vidal Medina Tony Miranda	Jess Negrete Katherine Aguilar-Perez Preston Prince Jeff Roberts Chad Wakefield
Absent:	Thomas Davis Stephanie Espinosa Kevin Hamilton Daniel Hawkins	Tricia Hoover Robert Lutes Allysun Williams

Housing and Community Development Commissioners:

Present:	Gwen Morris, CHAIR Blanche Milhahn, VICE-CHAIR Keith Chun Wayne Jones
Absent:	Daniel Payne Armando Rodriguez

Consultants:

Present:	Carri Diltz, Quad Knopf Consulting Greg Abramson, Quad Knopf Consulting
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Staff:

Present:	Claudia Cázares, HCD Interim Manager Corrina Nunez, HCD Project Manager Katheryn Cornell, Acting Recording Secretary
Absent:	Linda Lawrence, Recording Secretary

I. SIGN IN

1. Housing Element Advisory Committee members and Housing and Community Development Commissioners signed the meeting rosters to identify themselves as present.
2. Claudia Cázares, Housing and Community Development, welcomed Committee members / Commissioners. She stated the purpose for the special joint meeting is to present an overview of the Housing Element and specifically focus on Chapters 5 and 6 – Accomplishments and Goals of the Housing Programs.
3. Keith Bergthold, Planning and Development Department, welcomed Committee members / Commissioners and expressed his appreciation for their interest in the Housing Element.

II. REVIEW CHANGES TO THE DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT (CHAPTERS 5 AND 6)

1. Keith Bergthold gave a brief overview of the Housing Element background. He described the meeting as an inflection point for our City as the Housing Element will be considered in the context of implementing the City's General Plan. The goals identified, include the utilization of more transit, improved air quality, and better management of resources. There has been a broad-based commitment to affordable housing by the 10 X 10 Affordable Housing Blue Ribbon Committee. A strong relationship has developed with the Fresno Housing Authority, the Redevelopment Agency and the City of Fresno. Mr. Bergthold spoke of the coherent strategy of the agencies working together to leverage resources to increase the number of housing units. He felt the Housing Element is on track to be discussed and adopted.
2. Corrina Nunez, Housing and Community Development, gave an informational summary of the history of the Housing Element.
3. Claudia Cázares detailed accomplishments as identified in Chapter 5 of the Draft Housing Element, and goals and proposed policies and programs as identified in Chapter 6.
4. Claudia Cázares reminded the attendees that all comments are still welcome. The Draft Housing Element will be presented to City Council on May 13, 2008. It will be presented to the Housing and Community Development Commission in final form to be adopted on May 28, 2008.
5. Gwen Morris reiterated Ms. Cázares' remarks that Committee members / Commissioners still have an opportunity to submit additional comments.

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the special joint meeting of the Housing Element Advisory Committee and Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Attest: Gwen Morris, CHAIR
Housing and Community Development Commission

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager
Housing and Community Development